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Dear Friend:

America is still strong, but as Americans we are divided about what America stands for. America is a place where hard work is rewarded. However, the federal government often undermines that goal. A strong America is stable and secure for American families. But today, too many families are burdened by doubt, debt, and despair. American families know that America's debt is threatening our way of life. We are all concerned about what the budget mess means for critical programs like Medicare and Social Security. So who has the solution to these challenges? I know who to trust more than any government agency or non-profit think tank: the American people!

The American people deserve better, and we can deliver better. To do so, however, we have to be honest with each other—honest about the challenges, honest about the opportunities, and honest about the facts. To further that goal, I have introduced [H.R. 3578, the Baseline Reform Act](#), to make sure that the American people hear the truth about the direction of the federal budget. You've told me that you want to end the budget double-speak in Washington, and H.R. 3578 does exactly that. This bill moved swiftly through committee, and today it came to the House floor for a vote, and passed with a bipartisan vote of 235 – 177.

Much of the news that comes out of Washington these days is bad, but hardworking American taxpayers deserve to hear the truth, particularly when the truth is hard. Small business owners must hear the truth if they are to keep employing our neighbors and growing our economy. You have a right to know everything that is happening with your tax dollars and your government. Only when we have a fact-based conversation about where our nation is today and where we are headed tomorrow can we hope to succeed. By passing H.R. 3578, we take a step in that direction.

American families are tightening their belts, and so must Washington. For years, however, Congress has simply "assumed" that it would spend more money next year than it did the last. These "assumptions" mean that we often have silly conversations about when a cut isn't really a cut and when an increase isn't really an increase. If Congress "assumed" that spending would rise from \$10 to \$15, then a change that raised it from \$10 to \$12 was called a \$3 cut. Nonsense! With the Baseline Reform Act, I'm returning Georgia common-sense to the federal budget conversation.

We are realistic. We know that moving to fact-based budgeting is only a small step in the right direction. But we're all in this together, and when we have the truth, the special interests and the irresponsible officials cannot stop us.

Nothing good happens in Washington, D.C., without you! My plan of action comes from your plan of action. My leadership in Congress comes from your leadership in our community. Thank you for all that you do for America. As always, if there is

anything I can do for you, or if there is anything you would like to share, please do not hesitate to call or email. I am here to serve you.

Sincerely,



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